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1. FOLLOWING ARE PERTINENT PROVISIONS PARAPHRASED FROM THE PROTOCOL TO IMPLEMENT THE FEBRUARY AGREEMENT ON RESTORING PEACE AND RECONCILIATION IN LAOS. THE PROTOCOL WAS SIGNED SEPTEMBER 14.

2. THE PROTOCOL SPECIFIES THAT A PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION IS TO BE FORMED AND IS TO BE COMPOSED OF PRIME MINISTER NOT INCLUDED IN THE EQUAL DIVISION OF PORTFOLIOS; TWO DEPUTY PREMIERS, ONE FROM EACH SIDE WHO WILL ALSO HOLD PORTFOLIOS AND FOUR MINISTERS FROM EACH SIDE PLUS SIX SECRETARIES OF STATE EACH. OUT OF TOTAL OF TWELVE PORTFOLIOS TWO WILL BE ASSIGNED TO INDEPENDENTS.

3. THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT WILL HEAD FIVE MINISTRIES, ONE OF THEM UNDER A DEPUTY PREMIER: EDUCATION, DEFENSE, INTERIOR, FINANCE, AND HEALTH. THE SIX SECRETARIES OF STATE WILL SERVE AS DEPUTIES TO FIVE PATHET LAO MINISTERS AND TO ONE INDEPENDENT MINISTER.

4. THE PATHET LAO WILL HEAD MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, PUBLIC WORKS, ECONOMY AND PLANS, INFORMATION, AND RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS WITH ONE MINISTRY OF THE FIVE HEADED BY A DEPUTY PREMIER. THE SIX PATHET LAO SECRETARIES OF STATE WILL SERVE AS DEPUTIES TO FIVE MINISTERS FROM THE GOVERNMENT SIDE AND TO ONE INDEPENDENT.

5. THE TWO INDEPENDENTS WILL HEAD MINISTRIES OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND OF JUSTICE.

6. THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT WILL WORK OUT A POLITICAL PROGRAM BASED ON THE 1962 GENEVA ACCORDS AND ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONSULTATIVE POLITICAL COUNCIL WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF PRESERVING LAOS AS A DEMOCRATIC, INDEPENDENT, NEUTRAL, AND UNITED COUNTRY.

7. ALL DECISIONS OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT ARE TO BE TAKEN ON UNANIMITY BASIS BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES IN ALL MATTERS OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE. ALL MINISTRIES ARE TO FOLLOW GOVERNMENTAL POLICIES AND ARE TO CONSULT BETWEEN THEM IN ORDER TO ARRIVE AT UNANIMITY.

8. AS TO THE POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL, IT IS TO BE COMPOSED OF FORTY-TWO MEMBERS: SIXTEEN EACH FROM BOTH SIDES PLUS TEN INDEPENDENTS. THE PATHET LAO IS TO HOLD THE PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL  
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AND A POSITION OF VICE-PRESIDENT/SECRETARY GENERAL. THE OTHER VICE-PRESIDENT IS TO BE FROM THE GOVERNMENT SIDE. THE COUNCIL IS TO ARRIVE AT ITS DECISIONS BY UNANIMITY BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES. THE COUNCIL AND THE GOVERNMENT ARE INDEPENDENT OF EACH OTHER BUT ARE TO COOPERATE CLOSELY. THE COUNCIL WILL MERELY ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT ON FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC ISSUES AND THE RIGHT TO REJECT ITS SUGGESTIONS. THE COUNCIL IS TO ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT IN ORGANIZING GENERAL ELECTIONS FOR A NEW NATIONAL ASSEMBLY,

SOMETIME IN THE FUTURE.

9. THE PROTOCOL PROVIDES FOR THE NEUTRALIZATION OF THE CITIES OF VIENTIANE AND LUANG PRABANG TO ASSURE SAFETY OF ALL GOVERNMENT ORGAN. THE TWO PARTIES ARE TO SET UP A POLICE FORCE OF 1,000 MEN FROM EACH SIDE FOR VIENTIANE AND OF 500 MEN FROM EACH SIDE FOR LUANG PRABANG. IN ADDITION, EACH SIDE WILL MAINTAIN MILITARY SECURITY FORCES OF ONE BATTALION FROM EACH SIDE IN VIENTIANE AND TWO COMPANIES FROM EACH SIDE IN LUANG PRABANG. ALL OTHER MILITARY FORCES ARE TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE TWO CITIES "AS SOON AS POSSIBLE".

10. THE PROTOCOL SPECIFIES THAT TWENTY-SEVEN MARKER POINTS ARE TO BE ESTABLISHED IN AREAS WHERE OPPOSING FORCES ARE IN CLOSE PROXIMITY. THE EXACT LOCATION AND CONTROL OF THESE POINTS IS TO BE SET UP BY THE MIXED EXECUTIVE COMMISSION WHICH WILL ALSO SUPERVISE THE CEASE-FIRE.

11. ALL FOREIGN MILITARY PERSONNEL EXCEPT THOSE OFFICIALLY ACCREDITED ARE TO BE WITHDRAWN WITHIN SIXTY DAYS IN THREE TWENTY-DAY INSTALLMENTS. NEITHER SIDE MAY RECEIVE FOREIGN MILITARY EQUIPMENT WHILE ANY MATERIEL NEEDED AS REPLACEMENT IS TO BE APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY BOTH SIDES. ALSO WITHDRAWN OR DISBANDED ARE TO BE ALL IRREGULAR FORCES TRAINED, ARMED, AND COMMANDED BY FOREIGN POWERS AND THEIR BASES TO BE DISMANTELED ALSO IN THREE INSTALLMENTS WITHIN SIXTY DAYS.

12. DURING THE SAME SIXTY-DAY PERIOD BOTH SIDES WILL RELEASE ALL PRISONERS OF WAR OF WHATEVER NATIONALITY. INFORMATION ABOUT THE PRISONERS IS TO BE EXCHANGED WITHIN 15 TO 30 DAYS AFTER THE FORMATION OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT. AFTER THE EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS BOTH PARTIES ARE TO FURNISH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ALL INFORMATION ABOUT PERSONS MISSING IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS.

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THE MIXED EXECUTIVE COMMISSION IS TO SUPERVISE THE EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS AND OBTAIN INFORMATION ON PERSONS MISSING. IT MAY CALL ON THE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL COMMISSION FOR ASSISTANCE IN THESE TASKS.

13. PEOPLE ARE TO BE FREE TO MOVE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND REFUGEES, IF THEY SO CHOOSE, MAY EITHER RETURN TO THEIR FORMER HOMES OR TO RESETTLE ELSEWHERE WITHOUT ANY PRESSURE. BOTH SIDES ARE TO OFFER HELP TO REFUGEES IN THEIR MOVEMENTS.

14. THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTING THE AGREEMENT AND THE PROTOCOL RESTS WITH THE TWO LAO SIDES. THE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL COMMISSION IS TO FUNCTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 1962 GENEVA ACCORDS AND IS TO ASSIST THE TWO LAO SIDES WHEN CALLED UPON BY BOTH OF THEM TO DO SO, SPECIFICALLY IN SUCH TASKS AS VERIFYING

THE WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS AND FOREIGN MILITARY PERSONNEL.  
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